

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~A pelletized or~~ An extruded composition comprising:

a core which comprises

(a) a carrier, and

(b) at least one aminoketone antidepressant.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition of claim 1 wherein said core further comprises at least one binder.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition of claim 2 wherein said binder comprises hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one polymer for controlled release delivery of said aminoketone antidepressant.

Claim 5 (Original): The composition of claim 4 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, methacrylic acid copolymers, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose acetate

phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Original): The composition of claim 4 wherein said polymer is water insoluble.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The composition of claim 6 wherein said water insoluble polymer comprises a methacrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 8 (Original): The composition of claim 6 wherein said water insoluble polymer comprises ethylcellulose.

Claim 9 (Original): The composition of claim 4 wherein said polymer is insoluble below about pH 7.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The composition of claim 4 wherein said composition has a coating comprising a polymer.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): ~~A pelletized or~~ An extruded dosage form comprising at least one composition of claim 1.

Claim 12 (Original): The dosage form of claim 11 wherein said composition further comprises at least one binder.

Claim 13 (Original): The dosage form of claim 12 wherein said binder is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

Claim 14 (Original): The dosage form of claim 11 further comprising at least one polymer for controlled release delivery.

Claim 15 (Original): The dosage form of claim 14 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, methacrylic acid copolymers, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 16 (Original): The dosage form of claim 15 wherein said polymer is water insoluble.

Claim 17 (Original): The dosage form of claim 15 wherein said water insoluble polymer comprises ethylcellulose.

Claim 18 (Original): The dosage form of claim 14 wherein said polymer is insoluble below about pH 7.

Claim 19 (Original): The dosage form of claim 14 wherein said dosage form is for once daily administration.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The dosage form of claim 11 wherein said dosage form is a tablet, caplet, capsule or ~~pelletized~~ extruded tablet.

Claim 21 (Original): The dosage form of claim 11 comprising at least two distinct compositions of claim 1.

Claim 22 (Original): The dosage form of claim 21 wherein at least one distinct composition is for controlled release.

Claims 23 - 28 (Cancelled).

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): A pellet comprising:

(a) a core comprising (1) an inert carrier; having (2) bupropion, its salts or isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable aminoketone antidepressant agent; and (3) a binder; and

(b) a coating comprising a pH dependent coating agent selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and a methacrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn): A pellet comprising:

(a) a core comprising (1) an inert carrier; (2) bupropion, its salts or isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable aminoketone antidepressant agent; and (3) a binder; and

(b) a coating composition comprising a methacrylic acid copolymer and a water insoluble polymer.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): A dosage form of claim 11, said dosage form comprising a first pellet having a coating comprising methacrylic acid copolymer and a second pellet having a coating comprising methacrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The dosage form of claim 31 wherein said methacrylic acid copolymer of said first pellet is pH independent.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The dosage form of claim 31 wherein said methacrylic acid copolymer of said second pellet is pH independent.

Claims 34 – 37 (Cancelled).

Claim 38 (New): A pelletized composition comprising:

a core which comprises

(1) an inert carrier, having

(2) at least one aminoketone antidepressant layered thereon.

Claim 39 (New): The composition of claim 38 wherein said core further comprises at least one binder.

Claim 40 (New): The composition of claim 39 wherein said binder comprises hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

Claim 41 (New): composition of claim 38 further comprising at least one polymer for controlled release delivery of said aminoketone antidepressant.

Claim 42 (New): The composition of claim 41 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, methacrylic acid copolymers, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 43 (New): The composition of claim 41 wherein said polymer is water insoluble.

Claim 44 (New): The composition of claim 42 wherein said water insoluble polymer comprises ethylcellulose.

Claim 45 (New): The composition of claim 41 wherein said polymer is insoluble below about pH 7.

Claim 46 (New): The composition of claim 41 wherein said composition has a coating comprising a polymer.

Claim 47 (New): A pelletized dosage form comprising at least one composition of claim 38.

Claim 48 (New): The dosage form of claim 47 wherein said composition further comprises at least one binder.

Claim 49 (New): The dosage form of claim 48 wherein said binder is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

Claim 50 (New): The dosage form of claim 49 further comprising at least one polymer for controlled release delivery.

Claim 51 (New): The dosage form of claim 50 wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, methacrylic acid copolymers, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 52 (New): The dosage form of claim 51 wherein said polymer is water insoluble.

Claim 53 (New): The dosage form of claim 51 wherein said water insoluble polymer comprises ethylcellulose.

Claim 54 (New): The dosage form of claim 50 wherein said polymer is insoluble below about pH 7.

Claim 55 (New): The dosage form of claim 50 wherein said dosage form is for once daily administration.

Claim 56 (New): The dosage form of claim 47 wherein said dosage form is a tablet, caplet, capsule or pelletized tablet.

Claim 57 (New): The dosage form of claim 47 comprising at least two distinct compositions of claim 38.

Claim 58 (New): The dosage form of claim 57 wherein at least one distinct composition is for controlled release.

Claim 59 (New): A dosage form of claim 47, said dosage form comprising a first pellet having a coating comprising methacrylic acid copolymer and a second pellet having a coating comprising methacrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 60 (New): The dosage form of claim 59 wherein said methacrylic acid copolymer of said first pellet is pH independent.

Claim 61 (New): The dosage form of claim 59 wherein said methacrylic acid copolymer of said second pellet is pH independent.